

TAFT IS EXPECTED TO SPEAK AT BOSTON-MERCHANTS' MEETING TOMORROW

His Views Differ Materially From President's On Some Questions.

Secretary Taft has a hard course to steer between the radical supporters of President Roosevelt, who want him to cut loose and say things in a most vigorous fashion, and his more conservative friends, who are advising him this is a time when the country wants to "go slowly."

He started in Friday night to prepare his speech to be delivered before the Merchants' Association of Boston tomorrow. He is expected at that time to define his position on the leading issues of the day.

Announce Own Policy.
There are various forecasts as to what he will do, and it has been widely represented that he will break away from the President, and announce his own policy, not as a Cabinet officer, but as Taft, the candidate.

Friends of Secretary Taft admit the embarrassment of his position, but they predict he will make a speech that will strengthen him. He will not break with the President. There is not the least likelihood of this. At the same time, Mr. Taft will not follow along the beaten track of President Roosevelt. He and the President agree on most of the White House policies, especially on the revenue propositions relating to adequate Government control of aggregated wealth. But they differ in many details. As a Cabinet officer, so Mr. Taft's friends say, he has been free to speak his mind when he differed from the President, and he has done this without giving offense to Mr. Roosevelt. He will take the same course as a candidate. In general, he will align himself with the Roosevelt policies, but he will not make himself a mere echo of the President. For instance, the President is for an inheritance tax. This Mr. Taft does not advocate as a piece of Federal legislation.

Tariff Revision.
When it comes to tariff revision, Mr. Taft is more outspoken than the President. He is a strong believer in changing some of the existing schedules and will probably not be shy of saying so in public repeatedly. Owing to the fact that Boston is a center of tariff thought and discussion, the Secretary is expected to touch on revision when he goes there.

Not only is there wide political interest in Mr. Taft's Boston trip because of what he may say, but also because he is expected to have a conference with Senator Crane, of Massachusetts. Senator Crane has been regarded as a friend of Senator Knox. However, the Taft people would like to win him over, and if he can be induced to support Taft it will mean the Ohio man will stand a good chance of getting most of the New England delegates. Should Senator Crane throw its full strength to Taft, it would probably mean his nomination.

Hitchcock May Enlist.
Reports are still rife that Frank H. Hitchcock, First Assistant Postmaster General, is to enlist in the Taft cause and undertake to look after its interests in the South and East. In circles close to Mr. Taft yesterday it was said negotiations with Mr. Hitchcock were on, but had not been finally closed. If Mr. Taft can get Murray Crane to look after New England and Mr. Hitchcock to look after the South, with Vorys and other lieutenants to look after Ohio, he will have his arrangements in excellent shape. The White House will endeavor to take care of New York, through Secretary Loeb. As to the West, various Western politicians are evincing a readiness to aid the cause of the Secretary of War. Governor Cummins, of Iowa, has got into line for Taft, and is understood not to be seeking the delegation for himself. Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, is, likewise, friendly to the Taft movement. Until lately it was regarded as uncertain what would be the fate of the Taft movement in Iowa. But whatever may be done as to enlisting new blood in the management of the campaign, Secretary Taft plans from now on, as far as possible, to be his own manager. He will handle the final decision on all the big features of the campaign, and the White House will appear less than it has before as the all-important factor in directing the Taft fight.

Republicans of Nebraska Asked to State Choice In Presidential Race

Senator Burkett of Nebraska yesterday addressed to the president of the Taft organization forces in Nebraska a letter concerning his preferences in the matter of the Republican nomination for the Presidency. The Senator's position has become a matter of interest in Nebraska recently, because of the effort of the Hughes people in the State to make him appear in the character of an ally of Hughes. There has been something of a Hughes demonstration there, and the Hughes people have discussed the possibility of Hughes and Burkett as a Republican ticket. "They are pointed out that with Hughes at the head of the ticket Burkett could very properly be named for second place, because with a New York man in the top Western man would be necessary in second place; whereas if Taft should lead the ticket there would be no chance for a Western man in second place."

In order to set at rest all possibility of misunderstanding about his position, Senator Burkett said that his personal first choice is Secretary Taft; that Nebraska has once expressed preference for Taft, and that he believes the War Secretary is still its choice. At the same time, the Senator indicates that if the State has another choice he is entirely willing to be for the man whom the Republicans may name.

Beyond this, Senator Burkett makes clear that he favors the selection of delegates by popular primary of the Republican voters. The movement for this plan of selecting delegates is growing strong in the State, and with the leading public men favoring it, there is small doubt that it will prevail.

Taft Gets Indorsement Of Kansas Republicans
TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 28.—Secretary of War William H. Taft was unanimously indorsed for President of the United States in a session of the Republican State central committee today. It was decided to call the State convention in Topeka on March 4.

Union Veteran Is Santa To a Sick Confederate

Dr. Rand, Honored by Many Rulers and First Man to Answer Lincoln's Call, Heads Subscription for Former Foe.

One of the prettiest sentiments of the Christmas season was the act of a veteran of the Union army, who a few days ago made happy an old Confederate soldier and his wife, both of whom are invalids.

Dr. Charles F. Rand, an employee in the Bureau of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, learned by mere chance of the illness of the old Confederate veteran, and notwithstanding the fact that the two had once been on opposing sides in battle, he decided that his former foe should have something that would serve to ease his declining days.

Dr. Rand headed a subscription with a generous sum, and soon, with the assistance of a number of his fellow-clerks, enough money was raised to purchase a substantial invalid chair.

Honored by Rulers.
Dr. Rand has a civil and military history that extends beyond the limits of his native land, as has been evidenced by the respect shown him by foreign countries—England, Russia, Germany, and France each having given evidence of respect. The Shah of Persia, the Khedive of Egypt, the Viceroy of India, and the President of Mexico also have honored him. The minister of Japan delivered him a present in person.

One of the souvenirs he prizes most highly is the last letter ever written by Lord Pauncefote, England's former ambassador, written with his left hand, his right hand too swollen to use, congratulating Dr. Rand upon the special honor recently conferred upon him by Congress.

A letter from her majesty, the present Queen of Norway, in response to a wedding present sent to her royal highness, when her majesty was Princess Maud of Wales; another from her majesty, the Queen of Portugal, inclosed in the last letter ever written by Lord Pauncefote, England's former ambassador, written with his left hand, his right hand too swollen to use, congratulating Dr. Rand upon the special honor recently conferred upon him by Congress.

MINE WORKERS TO ELECT RADICAL
Vice President Lewis Will Probably Succeed John Mitchell.

Friends of Representative William R. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, who is a candidate for president of that organization, to succeed John Mitchell, say that they have advice from Indianapolis which indicate that the official canvass of the referendum vote will show that Representative Wilson will be defeated by a small majority by Thomas L. Lewis, vice president, his only opponent.

The defeat of Representative Wilson will mean, his friends here say, the inauguration of a radical policy on the part of Mr. Lewis in direct opposition to the conservative policy that has marked the administration of President Mitchell. It is feared by friends of Mr. Wilson in this city that his defeat will mean a rule by the radical element of the great labor organization that will result in strikes and strife that will materially affect the business interests of the country.

Mr. Lewis is said to be a brainy, sagacious man, thoroughly equipped for the position of president of the organization with its nearly 400,000 members, and a fighter, but not of that conservative temperament that won fame for John Mitchell.

Sam DeNedrey Candidate For Printers' Union Delegate To Federation Convention

Sam DeNedrey, editor of the Trades Unionist, has announced his candidacy for delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention that meets in Denver, Colo., next November, to represent the International Typographical Union. Circular letters were mailed to the labor press last night by Mr. DeNedrey announcing his purpose to stand for election as a delegate at large from his organization.

Mr. DeNedrey is editor of the official organ of Central Labor Union and American Federation of Labor, secretary of the Central Labor body, and a delegate from Columbia Typographical Union No. 101.

The official nominations will be announced in February and the referendum vote taken in May next. The candidates so far announced for the four positions as delegates are DeNedrey, of this city; Frank Morrison, secretary of American Federation of Labor, member of the Chicago Typographical Union; Hugh Stephenson, Toronto, Canada; Theodore Elchorn, Erie, Pa.; Charles W. Frear, Joplin, Mo., and Max Morris, of Cleveland, Ohio, in addition to the four delegates to be elected the president of the International Typographical Union is a delegate ex-officio.

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ing a photograph of her late father, the Count de Paris, who, with the Duc de Chartres, his brother, served as officers in our army during the Peninsula campaign, and were instructed by Captain Rand in the signaling, especially that of shooting counterair signals rockets at night, are other prized possessions of the veteran.

Dr. Rand started life as a river news reporter on the New Orleans Picayune and was the first to report the filibustering expedition commanded by Gen. William Walker, who had made war on Nicaragua and Costa Rica. For some misstatement of fact in a bulletin the young reporter hastily posted General Walker sent a challenge to the editor to fight a duel. General Walker dropped the matter when he was informed that the boy alone was responsible for the error.

The records of Congress show that Dr. Rand was the first man to respond to President Lincoln's call for help on the 15th day of April, 1861, when the President called for 75,000 men; that he stands volunteer No. 1 in an army consisting all told of 2,777,304 men, who followed his lead, and after four years of war brought peace and prosperity upon the land.

Became Lincoln's Friend.
After Dr. Rand's first meeting with President Lincoln they became warm personal friends. The second time the President commissioned him he sent a promotion by his special messenger. President Johnson brevetted him for meritorious service. He was voted a medal by Congress for "most distinguished gallantry in action at Black-burn's Ford, Va., July 18, 1861."

As a final act of kindness to this unselfish and patriotic man and soldier the War Department many years ago selected a large, handsome lot in the heart of Arlington and presented it to him.

Message From White House.
Secret Service Guard Sloan, who has been staying in Charlottesville during the President's visit, the Executive having little fear for his personal safety while sojourning among the quiet people of Albemarle, was at Pine Knot this morning with a telegram from the White House.

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Funeral services for Miss Ricketts will be held in Rockville at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Interment will be in the family plot in the Rockville cemetery.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT ENJOYS A DRIVE THROUGH WOODS

President Bags Rabbit and Partridge on Hunt in Virginia.

SCOTTSVILLE, Va., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Carew, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, both of whom are at Pine Knot with the President, who is enjoying post Christmas hunting, took advantage of the balmy air this morning to enjoy a long drive through the woods behind a pair of pretty bays from the Wilmer Stables. The women occupied the back seat of the rig, with Joseph Wilmer, of Plain Dealing, with Kermit Roosevelt by his side, in the front, driving.

Miss Carew gaily kissed her hand at the ladies at Rose Hill, half a mile from Scottsville, on the return trip. Mrs. Roosevelt wore a light coat with a dark hat and green veil.

President Goes Hunting.
The President and Dr. Rixey took to the woods this morning with guns and dogs on the lookout for such game as might present itself. The President's luck was confined to one rabbit and one partridge, the bird on the wing and the cottontail sitting, according to Queenin, who was enjoying the hor-back ride in the neighborhood when Mr. Roosevelt bagged his quarry.

Queenin is roughing it while in the country and is having a good time in his own way. He is attired in loose knee pants, a thick gray blouse, with no coat, and a gray cap. He has been going about the countryside, making friends with the neighbors, especially with little Elliot Harris, of Schuyler, who is a guest at Church Hill. The youngsters this morning inspected the hunt puppets in the stable here.

Queenin is telling some wonderful stories of bear hunts. He says bear meat is so hard and tough you have to have steel teeth to eat it. A horn among the roses of his visit is a rag which has gotten hung in his gun. He says that the shooting will have to be done with a pistol.

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FATEFUL ORDER NOT YET SIGNED

Metcalf and Winslow Let It Wait For President's Return.

Although both Secretary of the Navy Metcalf and Commander Winslow, acting chief of the Bureau of Navigation, have had ample opportunity to sign it, the order placing Surgeon Stokes in command of the hospital ship Relief still probably stay there until the return of President Roosevelt from Pine Knot. Senator Hale's remarkable interview, congratulating Admiral Brownson upon resigning rather than sign an order giving a surgeon command of a naval vessel, has considerably strengthened the arguments of the line, and has brought speedy rejoinders from supporters of the President. The action of Senator Hale, chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, in throwing down the gauntlet to the President on matters of naval policy gives an indication of the bitterness with which the fight will be waged, and foreshadows a Congressional investigation that will bring out before the public the arguments on the line side of the controversy.

Order Wanders Around.
The President may be surprised when he returns and finds the order unsigned, and in the same status as when he left Washington, but whether or not he will be displeased remains to be seen. The unsigned order was left on Secretary Metcalf's desk when Admiral Brownson suddenly resigned. It remained there a day or so, but Thursday was returned to Surgeon General Rixey's office. It was again forwarded from there to the Bureau of Navigation, and in turn to the Secretary.

Commander Winslow did not refuse to sign it, and it is believed he skillfully evaded an issue by taking the stand that an order concerning a change in policy should be signed by the Secretary. Why the Secretary did not sign it is not known, and it is intimated in some quarters that he is in sympathy with the line, although he assumed the position of defending the President's policy, which is considered wise if he expects to remain Secretary of the Navy. If he receives written instructions to sign it, which it is believed he is waiting for, he would not be in the position of antagonizing the line.

Metcalf Defends President.
Secretary Metcalf declines to be drawn into any discussion of the subject for publication, and there are many who believe that he is in fact the President's strongest supporter. He defends the course pursued and expresses sur-

HURT BY ELEVATOR AT BIG PRINTER

James Montgomery Has Leg Caught by Car During Rush.

An unusual crash to get on the elevators at the Government Printing Office yesterday afternoon nearly caused the death of James M. Montgomery, a compositor in the monotype division. His leg, which caught between the elevator and the floor, was badly crushed. The quick action of the elevator operator probably saved him from death. He was given medical attention by Dr. Manning, of 1246 Eleventh street northwest, at the emergency room on the fourth floor of the building. Shortly after quitting work in the afternoon the force of operators in the monotype division on the seventh floor crowded around the elevator entrance and push and jostle each other in an endeavor to get on the elevator. Mr. Montgomery was standing near the door and just as the operator filled his car and was about to close the iron guard gate, a push from behind sent Mr. Montgomery forward, his leg slipping between the floor and the elevator, which had started on its downward course. The operator, seeing the accident, immediately brought his car to a stop.

BUILD TELEPHONE LINES BETWEEN CHINESE TOWNS

AMOY, China, Dec. 28.—Active construction work has been started on the telephone lines which are to connect Amoy with the two other cities of this prefecture, Tsuen-chou-fu, fifty miles to the north, and Chang-chou-fu, thirty miles to the west. The construction and operation of these lines is entirely under the control of the Chinese government.

prize that men like Senator Hale and Admiral Brownson should believe for a minute that the appointment of Surgeon Stokes to command a hospital ship would interfere with the smooth running of the Bureau of Navigation, for the good reason that a surgeon would have no control over the navigation of the vessel and was better fitted to command a hospital ship than a line officer.

Captain Winslow's position, it is said by his friends, is identical with that of Admiral Brownson, and he would be as much at liberty to resign his position without signing the order, as Admiral Brownson was. It is believed by his friends he would do so rather than injure the position of the line. He himself will not discuss the matter.

DRAPER WILL BE LEADER FOR HUGHES IN BAY STATE

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 28.—Lieut. Gov. Eben S. Draper, of Massachusetts, who will undoubtedly be the Hughes Presidential boomer-in-chief in New England, arrived here tonight after a conference with the New York governor in Albany. It will be no surprise for the lieutenant governor to be opposed to Senator Crane, who is expected to be New England's leader for Taft, having been Crane's opponent for successor to Senator Hoar a few years ago.

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